

REMARKS

After entry of the subject amendment, claims 26, 30-46, and 48-61 remain in the application with claim 26 in independent form. More specifically, claims 1-25 and 47 have been withdrawn by the Examiner and, in this amendment, claims 27-29 have been canceled and claims 26, 30-39, 42-46, 48, 50, and 51 have been amended. There is full support in the specification for the amendments to the claim. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because the numbers, due to the informal submission of drawings, are unclear. Accompanying the subject amendment, the Applicant submits formal drawings. Thus, the objection to the drawings is overcome.

The Claims

Referring to Page 7 of the Office Action, the Applicant has amended independent claim 26 to accept the Examiner's indication of allowability of original dependent claim 50. More specifically, the elements of original dependent claim 50 have been incorporated into amended independent claim 26, along with the elements of intervening dependent claims 27 and 29. Additionally, claim 50 has been amended simply to more specifically claim from 10 to 20 parts by weight of the electroluminescent phosphor in the electroluminescent coating composition, based on 100 parts by weight of the electroluminescent coating composition. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph [0031] of the specification. Finally, the other claims that were amended in the subject amendment were amended to correct appropriate dependency due to the amendment to claim 26 and the cancellation of claims 27-29.

As a result of the amendments to the claims and in view of the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 26, 30-46, and 48-61 are allowable.

The Applicant also notes that the Examiner has previously withdrawn claim 1-25 and 47 with the indication that these claims would be rejoined commensurate in scope with the coating system claims at the time the coating system claims are found allowable. Because, as described above, it is believed that the coating system claims are allowable, the



Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the withdrawn claims at this time.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or to credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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